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CAMPUS INVITED TO 12TH ANNUAL COOKIE COOK-OFF AT UM

MISSOULA —

It's time to stock up on sugar and dust off the tree-shaped cookie cutters for The University of Montana's 12th annual Great UM Christmas Cookie Cook-Off. The event will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson Center.

UM students, employees and their families are invited to join University Dining Services to spread some holiday cheer by baking and decorating cookies during this year's event, themed "A Christmas Carol." Half of the cookies baked will be donated to a local youth home, senior home, group shelter and other nonprofit organizations. Participants may take the other half home. More than 29 campus departments participate in the festivities, and about 300 dozen cookies are donated to 18 local charities.

USD will provide the facility and personnel, and Sysco Food Service will donate the cookie dough and decorations. The festivities also will include refreshments, music and a children's play area. Santa Claus will join in the fun from 5 to 6 p.m.

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